THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

**Inter-Ministry controversy over drug price control.**

4322. SHRIABANTROY:

SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tussle between the Ministries of Chemicals and Fertilizers and Health and Family Welfare, on the issue of reducing price control on drugs continues, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 6th August, 2001;

(b) if so, whether Government have been adopting any formula in fixing the prices of essential life saving drugs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether drug companies in the private sector would be controlled by Government, in so far as pricing is concerned; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) There is no tussle between the Ministries of Chemicals and Fertilizers and the Health and Family Welfare on the issue of reducing price control on drugs.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

(d) Prices notified or fixed by the Government are applicable to manufacturers irrespective of whether they are in the private sector or in the public sector.

**Compensation amount of Bhopal gas tragedy**

† 4323. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received, so far, by Government as compensation from the Union Carbide Limited, for the Bhopal gas tragedy;

(b) the amount spent, item-wise, so far, out of the amount received;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.